

February 12, 2004

Harlowton Paper and Great Falls Tribune

RE: Application for a General Quarry Permit for Several Rock Collecting Sites in Wheatland and Cascade Counties

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your newspaper once each week for three consecutive weeks:

Legal Notice

Notice of Application for Operating Permit (pursuant to the Metal Mine Reclamation Act, Section 82-4-353 (1), MCA).

Bozeman, Brick, Block and Tile (Bozeman BBT) of 1110 North Rouse in Bozeman, MT filed an application on January 27, 2004 for an Operating Permit from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Environmental Management Bureau in Helena. Bozeman BBT has lease agreements with several ranches in Wheatland and Cascade counties to hand pick sandstone rock for landscaping and masonry purposes. All of the operations would be on private lands in section 18, T18N R5E; section 12, T7N R16E; section 7, T7N R17E; sections 34 and 35, T8N R15E; section 35, T7N R15E; and section 22 T7N R16E.

Bozeman BBT needs an operating permit because of the number of sites involved which excludes them from operating under a Small Miner's Exclusion Statement.

These operations would be reviewed for compliance under a Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for a General Quarry Operating Permit published by the DEQ in February

2004. If DEQ determines that these operations meet the requirements listed in the SEA when completed, Bozeman BBT will receive an operating permit with no additional environmental analysis. If Bozeman BBT develops additional lease agreements on other ranches in the future they would have to apply for an amendment or revision to the operating permit. If a permit is issued, Bozeman BBT would post a reclamation bond to ensure reclamation after completion of the rock collecting activities.

The applicant seeks approval of its application for an operating permit that would cover up to total of approximately 350 permit acres. Concurrent reclamation of the rock collecting sites would reduce unreclaimed disturbance to less than 5 acres per site at any one time. Reclamation plans call for the reclamation of all the surface disturbances.

Copies of the application can be reviewed by the public at DEQ offices at 1520 E. 6th Ave., in Helena, MT. Please submit comments or questions on the proposal by March 15, 2003. For information on the project and to submit comments on the proposal, contact:

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Please send your invoice and affidavit of publication to DEQ at the above address to the attention of Patrick Plantenberg. Please indicate that the bill is to be paid out of RC #5315, Doc # EMB503142. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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